

MYSTERY THEATRE ACTORS WANTED

The Adult Ministry Board is looking for individuals interested in participating in a brand new event at First Lutheran. Join us as we put together a Mystery Theatre event later this spring. Adult actors of all skill levels are wanted for this fellowship event! Sign up at the Welcome Center by February 9 if you are interested and would like more information.

ADULT MINISTRY MOVIE EVENT

Sunday, February 16 | 2:00-3:30pm | Gathering Space

Please join us as we watch the movie *I Daniel Blake*, an English language film. The movie shows the power of empathy to transform. Free popcorn is available and there will be discussion after the viewing. Please bring a donation to the Food Shelf.

MEET YOUR VISION TEAM

Sunday, February 2 | 9:30-11:30am | Gathering Space

Jim Mages and Joanne Bliese, members of the Vision Team, will be available for coffee and conversation. Be sure to introduce yourself to them.

WELCA LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 6 | 12:00pm | Gathering Space

The Women of the ELCA invite women of all ages to join us the first Thursday of the month for this time of food, fellowship, and fun. Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet immediately following this luncheon for those interested.

FALL PREVENTION CLASS

Tues & Thurs | March 3–May 26 | 10:00-11:30am | Rm 1B

This class is designed to help individuals restore balance, improve safe movement and reduce the risk of falling, taught by Mike and Sue Kjelland. Participants need prior approval from their healthcare provider to participate and must be able to commit to attending most sessions. Sign up at the Welcome Center by February 28.

NURSERY UPDATE

Check out our newly staffed nursery! We have an amazing group of responsible and dependable youth excited to play with and care for your kiddos ages 0-5 during Sunday (8:30 & 10:00am) and Wednesday (6:15pm) worship services.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, where faith and life meet!

OUR MISSION

First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community where faith and life meet through worship, learning and serving in Jesus' name.

MORE INFORMATION

Volunteers and staff are available before and after worship services to assist you. Children's bulletins and children's worship bags are available for use on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. The nursery is available and staffed on Sundays and Wednesdays during worship for children ages 0-5. Hearing assist devices are available at the Welcome Center. Monthly financials and Vision Team meeting minutes are available at the Welcome Center.

LEARN MORE AT

FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS or stop by the Welcome Center for our monthly calendar.

PRAYER REQUESTS | HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a prayer request or if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call or email the church office at 320-762-2196 or admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com. *Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

GIVING OPTIONS

Offering envelopes are available on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014, by using the Giving kiosk located next to the Welcome Center, or by visiting us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift.

OUR PASTORS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor



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SATURDAY | 2.1.20 | 5:00PM

SUNDAY | 2.2.20 | 8:30AM



PRELUDE SPECIAL MUSIC

(8:30) Gustavus Adolphus Choir

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

We All Are One in Mission #576

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.
C: Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God’s endless mercy and love. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of compassion,
C: we are grateful today for your example of servanthood. Help us always to see the face of Christ in others, that in serving them, we serve you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00)

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings Give Me Oil in My Lamp as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Psalm 103:19-22
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 22: 24-30
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God,
C: you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30)

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION (8:30)
All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (8:30) Chancel Choir Behold the Lamb

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:30)
P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
P: And all God’s children said,
C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

We Are Called #720

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Calli Olson, Dale Tvrdik, Bryan Stoeck
HEALTH CONCERNS: Marilyn Andrews, Bob Brown, Renata Grant, Diane Larson, Norm Anderson, Sandy Bloomquist, Karin Senstad, Deanne Frarck
SYMPATHY TO: Family and friends of Bev Grossman; Jodi and Bruce Belseth on the death of Jodi's uncle Herb Chilstrom, Carmen and Jim Groettum on the death of Carmen's Grandma

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Sheryl Hocum and family, in memory of Bob Hocum.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Thursday, February 13 | 6:30-7:30am | Gathering Space
Join us on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) for a great breakfast and speaker! All men are welcome.

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 9 | 8:00-11:00am | Gathering Space
Bakers are needed for this event! Please sign up to provide baked goods at the Welcome Center. Baked goods should be dropped off on Friday, February 7 from 8:00am-1:00pm or Sunday, February 9 from 7:30-8:30am. Free will donation.

ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

Sunday, February 9 | Gathering Space
Brunch begins at 10:30am. Stay and learn about our mission and be engaged in the work of the church. The meeting will be called to order at 11:30am.

PASTOR MARILEE’S BIBLE STUDY

Thurs | 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 3/19, 3/26 | 6:30-7:30pm | Gathering Space
All are welcome to join us as Pastor Marilee Bergerson leads this study on the book of Luke.